

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 11-17 are rejected. Claim 11 has been amended. Claims 1-10 and 18-20 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kato. Claim 11 was rejected under 15 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hyncecek in view of Kato. Claim 11, as amended, includes "... a field plate adjacent to and surrounding the first clocked gate, and coupled to a DC bias source; and a second clocked gate adjacent to and surrounded by the field plate and coupled to a second clocking signal, the field plate separates the first clocked gate from the second clocked gate ...". The references of record do not show, teach, or suggest the above limitations of claim 11. In Kato, the first clocked gate is not adjacent to and surrounded by a field plate because a second clocked gate is between the first clocked gate and one of the plates 14. Claims 12-17 depend from claim 11. Therefore, claims 11-17 are believed to be allowable over the references of record.

It is believed that the above remarks and amendments are fully responsive to the Official Action. Reconsideration and allowance are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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